

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please delete the first full paragraph on Page 17 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Salts of other metals may be employed to form the colloid. In the discussion of the process below, these salts are referred to as salt B. These salts contain cationic ions that include, but are not limited to, calcium, sodium, lithium, aluminum, magnesium, potassium, manganese, and the like, and may also include oligodynamic metal cations such as copper, zinc, and the like. These salts contain anions that include, but are not limited to, acetates, ascorbates, benzoates, bitartrates, bromides, carbonates, chlorides, citrates, folates, gluconates, iodates, iodides, lactates, laurates, oxalates, palmitates, perborates, phenosulfonates, phosphates, propionates, salicylates, stearates, succinates, sulfadiazines, sulfates, sulfides, sulfonates, tartrates, thiocyanates, thioglycolates, thiosulfates, and the like. The invention may also be practiced with oxides serving as Salt B, including, but not limited to, oxides of calcium, sodium, lithium, aluminum, magnesium, potassium, manganese, and the like, and may also include oxides of oligodynamic metals such as copper, zinc, and the like.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 8 and 52 as follows

8. (Amended) The article of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the oligodynamic metal compounds comprises silver.

52. (Amended) The article of Claim 43 wherein at least one of the oligodynamic metal compounds comprises silver.